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TO BUCK — THE TRUST.

**Fishing Masters Association
Meets Today at Boston.**

ALSO HAS OTHER GRIEVANCES.

**Object to High Wharfage and Ice
Loading Charges.**

Although there was a large number of fishing vessels at T wharf, Boston, and the other mooring places yesterday, the meeting of the members of the fishing masters' association that was called for 2 o'clock in the afternoon was not held on account of a lack of quorum. The captains who came to the rooms of the association waited until 4 o'clock for the others to show up, and then adjourned until 10.30 this morning.

While there was no formal talk about methods of meeting the danger outlined by some of the captains in interviews on the matter of the proposed business combination of a number of the fish dealers, the matter was made the subject of conversation, and the captains gave their opinions on the effect of such a combination on crews of the fishing vessels.

Most of the captains were disposed to take the matter philosophically, saying that even if the so-called trust be formed it would take several months before the preliminaries would be completed, and the captains and vessel owners on their part could watch the progress of the combination, and form their plans for protection should protection be needed. Some of the captains found other things of more immediate importance to complain of, and brought out the charge of \$1 a day for wharfage for vessels obliged to lay at Long wharf and the Eastern Packet pier, both recently leased by the T wharf corporation, as unjust, as the vessels remaining at T wharf are charged no wharfage while lying empty at T wharf.

Another matter that seemed unjust from the captains' point of view is the charge of 30 cents per ton for putting ice into the fishing vessels at Long wharf, a charge that is not made at T wharf. As each vessel will take in winter from 10 to 12 tons of ice, and in summer an average of 25 tons in the large vessels, this new charge is quite an item of expenses, and is felt when the vessel has made a poor trip.

The charge of 60 cents a ton for landing their fish at T wharf and the other wharves controlled by the T wharf corporation was also talked over informally, and generally condemned as excessive.

Some of the captains figured that, taking the average quantity of fish landed at T wharf each year to be 100,000,000 pounds—at which figure it was set by a member of the T Wharf Corporation not long ago—the cost to the fishermen for the privilege of landing it at T wharf is annually \$30,000, which is enough, according to the captains, to pay the running expenses of the wharf.

These charges will probably be taken up in a formal manner at the meeting this morning.

The Boston Post is still after the proposed

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\$5,000,000 fish trust
and says editorially
today:

"Whatever may be the details of the plan by which the fishing skippers purpose to oppose the arrogance of the Boston fish trust, in its general scope it cannot fail of popular support. The question at issue is not only the freedom of the fishermen to dispose of the product of their industry in an open market uncontrolled by a shore monopoly, but the privilege of the retail dealer to buy and the consumer to pay at prices naturally regulated and not artificially prescribed.

"There is some question as to whether the proposed combine of wholesale dealers can be made conclusive. The trust boasts that its members own most of the fishing vessels, and if the skippers and crews do not like the conditions which it has proposed to lay upon them, they can get out and let others take up the work. On the other hand, it is alleged that the fishermen own by far the greater interest in their vessels, and that they will not allow themselves to be browbeaten in respect to their rights.

"These are questions of fact; but in any case the commercial and popular interest remain the same. And this is entirely on the side of the fishermen as against any combination of dealers on shore. Neither the fishermen who catch the fish nor the people who buy the fish for food can rest content under the dictation of dealers who assume to control the market. Let the fishermen declare their independence, and they will have the entire community on their side."

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DOGFISH HORDES.

**Completely Invest Bay of Fundy
and St. Mary's Bay.**

The dogfish have assumed entire charge of the inshore fisheries of the Bay of Fundy and St. Mary's Bay, and have completely invested the inshore waters since the first of September. Practically all the boat fishing it has been possible to carry on has been conducted in the large power boats, which are able to go from ten to fifteen miles off shore, returning the same day. For the past three weeks, owing to the heavy weather, even such fishing has been altogether suspended. Experienced fishermen at the different posts along that part of the coast say two things necessary to preserve the fisheries are a salt water hatchery and an effective system for the destruction and utilization of dogfish, and that if matters continue to go as at present boat fishing will be a thing of the past within twenty years.

Good Fish Day at Portland.

Portland had its biggest fish day of the season yesterday, when nine of the Maine fishing fleet arrived with a total of 123,000 pounds of fresh fish. Sch. Margie Turner was high line with 25,000 pounds, the other vessels being schs. Marion E. Turner, Angie B. Watson, Thomas W. Knight, Hockmoch, Robert and Carr, Fanny Reed, Mineola and Wesley B. Sinnett.

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CURIOUS HAUL.

**Supposed Skull of Whale Hauled
Up Off Cape Cod.**

A curious catch, made by Horton Alves, one of the crew of sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, was on exhibition at T wharf, Boston, yesterday morning. Those who claimed to be able to tell something about it said it was the skull and upper jaw of a whale. Alves found it on his trawl Tuesday while he was fishing about 12 miles from Highland Light. The strange object is the skull of some big fish or animal, and is about 24 inches in the longest part and tapers from about 18 inches to nothing in width. It will be kept on the vessel as a curiosity.

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Big Pollock Trip.

Sch. Ralph Russell, Capt. Allen Dolman, arrived yesterday afternoon with a big pollock fare, 55,000 pounds, the largest pollock trip of the season. Capt. Dolman is a steady going skipper, who does big at any branch of fishing he goes at.

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FISH FAMINE RELIEVED.

Portland, Me., Nov. 22.—The scarcity of ground fish has been relieved by the arrival of a fleet of nine vessels with a total fare of 123,000 pounds. This is the record trip of the season. The next largest was 102,000 pounds six weeks ago. Since that time there have been only a few small fares.

Halibut Sales.

The fare of halibut of sch. Preceptor sold to the American Halibut Co. and that of sch. Massachusetts to the New England Fish Co., each at 13 cents per lb. for white and 11 1/2 cents for gray.

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INTENDED AS TEST CASE.

Further Arrests Not Prob-
able at Bay of Islands.

WILL GO TO PRIVY COUNCIL.

Details of the Arrest and Trial of
the Two Men.

The St. John's, N. F., Herald of November 17 gives the following details of the arrest and trial of the two Newfoundland fishermen who were recently taken from sch. Ralph L. Hall at Bay of Islands, N. F.:

"The government, after carefully considering all the pros and cons of the matter, decided on November 1 to enforce the bait act and initiate prosecutions which could be carried to the privy council, so that the highest judicial tribunal in the empire could determine whether a mere agreement by the British ministry could overrule the law of the land. Accordingly, Mr. J. M. Kent, K. C., was sent across to the Bay of Islands, as special prosecutor, after consultation with Inspector O'Reilly and visiting the anchorage of the herring fleet, they decided to prosecute. George Crane and Alex. Dubois, of Woods Island.

"These two men shipped aboard the Gloucester sch. Ralph L. Hall, outside the three-mile limit on Thursday, November 8, a week after the notices that the bait act was to be enforced, had been posted in various parts of Bay of Islands.

"It will be observed that by shipping outside the marine boundary they complied with the requirements of the *modus vivendi*, and that compact specially provided that 'the shipping of Newfoundland fishermen outside the three-mile limit should not be made the subject of international interference nor be penalized.'

"The charge preferred against them, however, was that on Monday last they did put on board the said vessel herring (bait fishes) without a license, in contravention of the bait act, the first section of which makes such an illegal practice. It is presumed that Inspector O'Reilly, seeing them so engaged when the Fiona was there on Monday, boarded the ship to arrest them: at once, as the News despatch told of his going on board and being warned to leave, which he did, doubtless owing to the threatening attitude of her crew.

"The Fiona then came back to Curling, obtained warrants for the men from Magistrate March, and returned to the scene to execute them, while the American cruiser Potomac, which makes 16 knots, hearing of the trouble, hurried there and warned the master and crew of the Hall not to resist arrest. Accordingly, no trouble was met, the men were taken off the vessel and conveyed to Curling, where, being arraigned before the magistrate, they were convicted of the offence, the evidence of Inspector O'Reilly and Officers Costigan and Collins, and sentenced to a fine of \$500 each for imprisonment for three months.

"Mr. Kent, K. C., prosecuted, and Mr. Hawley, B. L., defended; and the motion of the latter that the case be dismissed, on several law points, was overruled. He thereupon gave notice of appeal to the supreme

court, and Messrs. M. E. Boland and J. H. Baggs supplied bonds for the accused. Messages to the colonial secretary, minister of justice and minister of finance gave the foregoing details."

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SCH. MARINER ARRIVES.

Two More British Vessels on
Way with Herring.

Capt. Parsons Say Recent Arrests
Does Not Scare Men.

The British sch. Mariner arrived here this morning from Bay of Islands, N. F., with 1100 barrels of salt herring. She is consigned to Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company. This is the second cargo in a British bottom to arrive here this season, making four cargoes in all that have thus far arrived. As far as can be learned, about six vessels are now on the way from Bay of Islands with cargoes of salt herring.

Late reports indicate that herring, although they have been plenty, are now somewhat scarce.

In speaking of the arrest of the two Newfoundland fishermen from sch. Ralph L. Hall, Capt. Wallace Parsons, who arrived here yesterday in sch. Ingomar, says that it will have little or no effect on the great majority of the Newfoundland fishermen there and that the American vessels will have no trouble in shipping men. The fishermen are pretty well wrought up over the matter and have a feeling that they are being persecuted by their own government and are in no very amiable frame of mind.

Capt. Parsons says that from what he saw and heard he does not believe that but very few if any Newfoundland fishermen will leave or be deterred from shipping because of the arrest of two men. He anticipates no farther trouble and looks for a good herring season.

A dispatch received at North Sydney, C. B., yesterday said that it was snowing heavily on the west Newfoundland coast and that the weather was very rough and stormy.

The Nova Scotia schs. Unique and Maggie Sullivan, both formerly Boston crafts, are on the way to this port from Bay of Islands, N. F., with full cargoes of salt herring.

Sch. Maggie and May is fitting for a Newfoundland frozen herring trip under command of Capt. S. Campbell Peart.

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EAT DOGFISH EGGS.

Said To Be as Good as Hen Fruit
and Taste Similar.

A London cablegram says that Government Analyst Thorpe offers hope to egg-eaters when hens strike. Reporting to the fisheries committee of the Cornwall county council, he says that the eggs of dogfish when boiled, are very similar to hard-boiled hen's eggs, and that they are wholesome and highly nutritious.

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CANADIAN CLUB BANQUET.

Hon. A. B. Morine Will Speak on
Newfoundland Fisheries.

The annual banquet of the Canadian Club will be held in Boston next Monday evening. At that time the Hon. D. C. Fraser, governor of Nova Scotia and A. B. Morine, former finance minister to Newfoundland, will be present and will speak upon the Newfoundland fisheries question.

It is expected that a number from this city will attend.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. W. E. Morrissey, Banks, 110,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Athlete, Banks, 100,000 lbs. salt cod.

Br. sch. Mariner, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1100 bbls. salt herring.

Sch. Carrie C., Georges, 12,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Mattie Winship, Georges, 8000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Massachusetts, Quero Bank, 20,000 lbs. salt cod, 7000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Preceptor, Quero Bank, 5000 lbs. salt cod, 5000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.

Sch. Ralph Russell, shore, 55,000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Laura Enos, shore, 15,000 lbs. pollock.

Sloop Beulah Maud, shore, 2000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Gracie, shore.

Sch. Reliance, shore.

Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, shore.

Sch. Good Luck, shore.

Sloop Eva Avina, shore.

Sch. Almeida, shore.

Sloop Ignatius Enos, shore.

Sch. Lillian, shore.

Sch. Julietta, shore.

Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, shore.

Sch. Selma, shore.

Sch. Catherine D. Enos, shore.

Sch. Evangeline, shore.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.

Today's Fish Market.

These prices are based on the last known sales.

Splitting prices of fresh fish; Large Eastern cod, \$1.75; medium do., \$1.25; large Western cod, \$2.62 1-2; medium do., \$1.37 1-2; haddock, \$1.00; cusk, \$1.75; hake, \$1.40; pollock, 95 cts.

Salt headline Georges codfish, \$5.00 per cwt. for large, \$4.00 for medium.

Salt Trawl Georges codfish, \$5.00 for large \$3.50 for medium.

Salt hake, \$2.00.

Salt haddock, \$2.00.

Salt cusk, \$2.25.

Salt "drift" cusk, \$2.00.

Salt pollock, \$1.50.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.25 to \$4.50 for large, \$3.37 1-2 to \$3.50 for medium and \$2.00 for snappers.

Large salt "drift" Georges codfish, \$4.25 medium do., \$3.25.

Flitched halibut 7 1-2 cts. lb.

Round pollock, 95 cts. per cwt.

Shore salt herring, \$1.75 per bbl. clear of the barrel.

Eastern "halibut" codfish, \$4.37 1-2 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for small.

Fresh herring \$1.50 per bbl.

Bay salt mackerel, \$35 per bbl. for large and \$22 per bbl. for mediums.

Salt dory headline bank cod, \$4.75 per cwt. for large and \$3.75 for medium.

Bank halibut, 13 cts. per lb. for white and 11 1-2 cts. for gray.

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Sch. Yankee, 11,000 cod, 1500 hake.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 8000 haddock, 2000 cod, 5000 hake.
Sch. Robert and Arthur, 20,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 15,000 hake.
Sch. Louise R. Sylva, 6000 haddock, 5000 cod, 6000 hake.
Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod, 6000 hake.
Sch. Kernwood, 3800 haddock, 5000 cod, 400 hake.
Sch. Seaconnet, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod, 5000 hake.
Sch. Terra Nova, 24,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 9000 hake.
Sch. Minerva, 4500 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Fame, 12,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 12,000 hake.
Sch. Mooween, 25,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 6000 hake.
Sch. Moocanam, 18,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 17,000 hake.
Sch. Catherine G. Howard, 20,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 10,000 hake.
Sch. Richard J. Nunan, 7000 haddock, 500 cod, 500 hake, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Catherine and Ellen, 20,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 20,000 hake.
Sch. Slade Gorton, 25,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 15,000 hake.
Sch. Emily Cooney, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Raymah, 7000 haddock, 4000 cod, 15,000 hake.
Sch. Metamora, 10,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 12,000 hake.
Sch. Flirt, 25,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 6000 hake.
Sch. Jessie Costa, 10,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Rebecca, 12,000 hake, 2000 cusk.
Sch. Georgianna, 4000 pollock.
Sch. Matchless, 5000 haddock, 4000 cod, 12,000 hake.
Sch. Buema, 6000 haddock, 4000 cod, 9000 hake.
Sch. Yakima, 19,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 4000 hake.
Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, 14,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 4000 hake.
Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, 19,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 9000 hake.
Sch. Lucania, 20,000 haddock, 3500 cod, 10,000 hake, 15,000 cusk.
Haddock, \$3.25 to \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.75 to \$3.50; market cod, \$1.75 to \$2; hake, \$1.40; pollock, \$1.25.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

The Br. sch. Beatrice Mack, bound to Boston from Bay of Islands, N. F., with a cargo of salt herring, was at Lunenburg, N. S., Sunday night and sailed again Tuesday morning.

Capt. John O'Brien of sch. Mattakesett has taken command of sch. Mystery in the winter haddock fishery and Capt. Matthew Greer of sch. Selma will now take command of sch. Mattakesett.

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Bank Cod Sale.

The fare of bank cod of sch. Hazel R. Hines sold to George Perkins & Son, the price being private, but understood to be a slight advance over last sales.

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Took Frozen Bait.

Schs. Manhasset and Georgiana were at Boothbay Harbor, Monday and each took a frozen baiting from the Cold Storage Co. Frozen bait is quoted at \$2 per hundred weight there.

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MADE QUICK PASSAGE

Sch. Smuggler Arrives from Bay of Islands in Six Days.

Several Vessels on the Way Here with Salt Herring.

Sch. Smuggler, Capt. Owen Whitten, arrived at this port from Bay of Islands, N. F., yesterday afternoon with 1470 barrels of salt herring, being the third American vessel to arrive from there this season.

The schooner had a fine chance, and Capt. Whitten made the most of it and kept his craft going all the time, so that she made the passage in six days, the vessel leaving for home last Friday night, making the best passage of the season.

Capt. Whitten reports that three vessels sailed from Bay of Islands the day before the Smuggler came out.

The Lunenburg schs. Speculator, Alma Nelson and Yukon have been chartered by American skippers or concerns to go to Bay of Islands for cargoes of salt herring and will soon sail from their home port.

The Lunenburg sch. Beatrice Mack, from Bay of Islands, with a cargo of salt herring, is expected at Boston today.

Sch. Annie M. Parker sailed from Bay of Islands Wednesday, for this port, with a full cargo of salt herring. The Lunenburg sch. Havana, Capt. Jerry Cook of this city, will sail from Bay of Islands today for this port with a cargo of salt herring and sch. Dora A. Lawson will sail from there today, for this port, with a cargo of salt herring.

Sch. Incomar will fit for a second Newfoundland trip, going this time for frozen herring.

Sch. Eva June of Lunenburg, N. S., has been chartered by Gloucester parties and sailed November 8 for Bay of Islands, for a cargo of frozen herring. In all 11 of the Lunenburg fleet are under charter to Americans to bring cargoes of salt or frozen herring.

The Atlantic Fish Company of Lunenburg, N. S., is most prominently engaged in the herring business, and has purchased a permanent fishing stand at Bay of Islands where they will carry on large operations. Five of their schooners, schs. Mariner, Capt. Parks, Lila B. Hirtle, Glenwood, Capt. Backman, Paleta, Capt. Silver, and Mary A. Duff, Capt. Berringer, with the company's steamer Atlantic, Capt. Zinck, have been sent down and will be used in the work. The Atlantic will collect the fish and tow the fishing schooners to the best fishing grounds.

It is understood that the Atlantic Fish Company in addition to packing fish at their new stand in Newfoundland, will bring several cargoes to Lunenburg where they will give employment to a large number of hands in putting up the herring in different ways suitable to the trade. The firm will also send three schooners to Newfoundland for the Canadian and American markets.

W. C. Smith & Co., another Lunenburg firm, engaged in the herring trade have sch. Beatrice S. Mack, Capt. Mack, on voyage to Boston with a cargo of salt bulk herring.

A Sydney, C. B., exchange of Monday says:

"The Gloucester schooner Colonial, Captain Smith, arrived in port shortly before noon today. The schooner, which is on her way to Bay of Islands, left Gloucester a week ago today, and had a decidedly rough passage on the way down.

"A crew of 17 men had been previously engaged here by Captain Cusick, who has already shipped 27 men for sch. Independence

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II. and another vessel, both of which are owned by the same firm as controls the Colonial. Captain Cusick will leave for the fishing grounds tomorrow night, taking passage on the steamer Bruce."

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SKIPPERS MET.

Talked Over the Fish Trust Situation.

Will Make No Radical Move Unless Compelled To.

A meeting of the skippers of fishing vessels running to T wharf, Boston, was held yesterday afternoon at 10 Long wharf to discuss the proposed combination of fish dealers. About a score of captains were present and the matter was gone into pretty thoroughly. The consensus of opinion appeared to be that the present system of selling their fish was the best, although they were not averse to selling at a standard price if that price were high enough.

Several of the captains thought that the combine would attempt to make them sell at low and unreasonable prices, and they declared they would let their fish rot in their vessels before they sold at unfair terms.

The general opinion seemed to be that the proposed combine should be given a chance before condemning it, and they would make no radical move unless compelled to.

Today there will be another secret session, and already 164 of the 171 skippers in the fleet, it is claimed, have enlisted under the anti-trust banner, and they say that all will be in the fight against what they claim to be a plan to annihilate them as a factor in the business.

The next move is up to the trust promoters, according to the fishermen, who are willing to discuss better trade relations.

Resolutions are to be drafted at the meeting to be held today, when it is expected that the leaders of the fishermen will have obtained a line of the trust's plans, and be able to organize properly to combat them.

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THE HERRING SITUATION.

United States Makes Friendly Representations to England.

Ambassador Reid To Bring Home Important Data.

The United States government has made friendly representations to the government of Great Britain regarding the action of the Newfoundland officials against colonial fishermen enlisting on board American vessels. The American representations are under consideration at the foreign office.

In the House of Commons yesterday Foreign Secretary Grey said he was not prepared at present, with the information available, to say whether Newfoundland's action was a technical breach of the *modus vivendi*